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Suid-Afrikaanse Christen-demokrate wens eerste vaste President van Europese raad geluk met verkiesing
Die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA) het die Belgiese Christen-demokratiese premier, Herman van Rompuy, geluk gewens met sy verkiesing tot die vaste President van die Europese Raad. Van Rompuy was die kandidaat van die Vlaamse Christen-demokrate en die Christen-demokratiese partye in ander Europese lande.

"Juis nou dat erken word dat korrupsie, misdaad en ander probleme in die land hande uitgeruk het, is dit belangrik dat Suid-Afrikaners kennis neem daarvan dat daar ook 'n Christen-demokratiese opsie is, en dat Wes-Europa hierdie opsie aangegryp het," sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen Demokratiese Party en ondervoorsitter van die CDA.
"Ideologies en in styl lê ons wel nader aan Europese Christenpartye Beweging waarvan die Nederlandse Christen Unie die sterkste en deel van die regerende koalisie is, maar in oorhoofse beleid en etiek het ons baie raakvlakke met Europa se groot Christen-demokratiese partye, en is ons verheug oor die boodskap wat nou aan die wêreld uitgestuur word, naamlik dat Christen demokrasie steeds toonaangewend is."

South African Christian democrats congratulates first European Council president with election
The Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA) congratulated the Christian Democrat Belgium Premier, Herman van Rompuy, with his election as the first president of the European Council. Van Rompuy was the candidate of the Flemish Christian Democrats and the other Christian Democrats in other European countries.

"Especially now that it is acknowledged that corruption, crime and other problems in South Africa have spiralled out of control, it is important that South Africans should take note that there is also a Christian Democratic option, and that Europe has opted for this option," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and deputy chair of the CDA.

"Ideologically and in style we are closer to the parties of the European Christian Party Movement of which the Dutch ruling coalition partner, the Christen Unie is the largest. There are, however, many similarities in policy and ethics we share with Europe's large Christian Democratic Parties. We are delighted at the message now sent out to the world – Christian democracy is still a positive force in the world."